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SUBJECT: SMITH'S CALL FOR ELECTION IN RHODESIA

1. DURING JULY 19 MEETING, ACTING EXTAFFMIN MPOTOKWANE (MINISTER MOGWE IS ON LEAVE) SPOKE IN SORROWFUL TONES OF SMITH'S CALL FOR ELECTIONS IN RHODESIA. HE SAID THE ELECTION PROCESS WOULD BE ALONG SAME OLD LINES, I.E., ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY WHITE ELECTORATE (PERHAPS 100,000 BLACKS WILL BE ABLE TO VOTE), WITH NO INCENTIVES FOR BLACK PARTICIPATION.

2. MPOTOKWANE THOUGHT ONE POSSIBLE REASON FOR ELECTION (AND POSSIBLE SOURCE OF BENEFIT) MIGHT BE SMITH'S DESIRE TO DEFEAT HIS "CONSERVATIVE" OPPOSITION AND THEREBY STRENGTHEN HIS MANDATE TO NEGOTIATE. EVEN THAT WOULD NOT BE ENOUGH TO PREVENT NATIONALISTS FROM DENOUNCING SMITH'S PROPOSAL WHICH WILL HAVE NO APPEAL TO BLACK RHODESIANS INSIDE OR OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY.

3. WHILE REGRETTING SMITH'S ANNOUNCEMENT, MPOTOKWANE SAW NOTHING PARTICULARLY ALARMING IN IT. HE HAD NO INDICATION OF FRONT LINE CONSULTATIONS AND NO INDICATION
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OF WHEN PRES KHAMA WOULD RETURN HERE. IN PASSING, MPOTOKWANE SAID AMONG PRINCIPAL REGRETS WAS HIS ASSUMPTION THAT ANGLO-AMERICAN CONSULTATIVE GROUP INITIATIVE WOULD BE IMMOBILIZED UNTIL ELECTIONS WERE OVER.
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